

**CITY OF NORWALK
RECREATION, PARKS & CULTURAL AFFAIRS COUNCIL COMMITTEE
BY VIDEO CONFERENCE AND TELECONFERENCE
WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 9, 2022.
REGULAR MEETING
7:00PM.**

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ATTENDANCE: Darlene Young, Chair; Bryan Meek; John Kydes; Nicol Ayers; Jenn McMurrer; Josh Goldstein; Lisa Shanahan

STAFF: Ken Hughes, Superintendent, Recreation and Parks

OTHERS: Stacey Blau; James Whipple; Lissette Colon

I. ROLL CALL

Ms. Young called the meeting to order at 7:00PM.

II. MINUTES OF OCTOBER 12, 2022

**** MS. MCMURRER MOVED TO APPROVE THE MINUTES AS SUBMITTED.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED WITH FOUR (4) IN FAVOR AND ONE (1) ABSTENTION- MS. SHANAHAN**

III. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation this evening.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

There was no old business discussed this evening.

V. NEW BUSINESS

The City of Norwalk reserves the right to cancel the Event for public health or safety reasons as determined by the City of Norwalk in its sole discretion. The City of Norwalk shall not be liable for damages arising from the cancellation of the Event.

1. APPROVE THE USE OF NORWALK HIGH SCHOOL AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY NORWALK PUBLIC SCHOOLS FOR THEIR FIRST BOOK INITIATIVE EVENT TO BE HELD ON SATURDAY, MAY 20, 2023, FROM 11:00 AM TO 4:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN 7:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 6:00 PM. BETWEEN 2,500 AND 5,000 PEOPLE.

Mr. Hughes said that this is the second year the event has been held and it was very successful last year and expects the same this year. Ms. Colon provided a brief overview of the event and said it was a great event last year and is meant to build the libraries of our students that are in need and had given away over 40,000 books, and there are a number of activities for children and hope to expand on it this year. Mr. Goldstein and Ms. McMurrer said they both attended the event last year and it was a very joyful event.

Ms. Ayers joined the meeting at 7:03PM.

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2. APPROVE THE USE OF TAYLOR FARM PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY GREENWICH KENNEL CLUB, INC. FOR THEIR AMERICAN KENNEL CLUB SANCTIONED EVENT TO BE HELD ON JUNE 10 AND 11, 2023 FROM 8:30 AM TO 4:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN ON JUNE 7, 2023, TO BEGIN AT 6:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN ON JUNE 12, 2023, AT 4:00 PM. APPROXIMATELY 1,000 PEOPLE.

Mr. Hughes said that this is an ongoing event, and it is his 14th year working with the Greenwich Kennel Club and they clean up the site before the event as well as after the event. Ms. Blau provided a brief overview of the event and said that it has been held for 15 years and get very good participation from the public.

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3. APPROVE THE USE OF VETERANS PARK AND IMMEDIATE SURROUNDING GROUNDS BY JS ENDURANCE FOR THEIR SONO HALF MARATHON EVENT TO BE HELD ON OCTOBER 1, 2023, FROM 8:30 AM TO 1:00 PM. SET-UP TO BEGIN ON OCTOBER 1, 2023, AT 6:00 AM WITH TEAR-DOWN AT 1:30 PM. APPROXIMATELY 1,200 PEOPLE.

Mr. Whipple provided a brief overview of the event and said that this is the ninth year that it has been held and this year's event was another successful one and he had a follow up meeting with EMS and there were no issues, as well as with the police department and there were minimal issues and had received very few complaints. Ms. McMurrer said she loves the event and has participated in it but the one piece of feedback that she had received was that some of the businesses on Cove Avenue and in that area are losing a lot of business because the streets are closed during the race and asked if there is any way to work with the businesses or renegotiate the route to help them. Mr. Whipple said he will speak with them before the event to see if there are any promotions that can be done for them.

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VI DISCUSSION

There was no discussion this evening.

ADJOURNMENT

**** MR. GOLDSTEIN MOVED TO ADJOURN.**

**** THE MOTION PASSED UNANIMOUSLY.**

The meeting adjourned at 7:15PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Dilene Byrd